

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 18-20, 23-24, and 26-37 are pending in the application, of which claims 18, 28, and 31-34 are being amended and claim 36 is being cancelled under Rule 312. The claim amendments add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested:

Claim 18, part (iii) is being amended to replace the phrase "that are" with ", the blasting beads being" before the word "propelled". Claim 18, part (iv) is being amended to replace the typographical error "spay" with the word "spray" before the word "coating".

Claim 28 is being amended to add the word "original" before the word "titanium" and remove the word "metal" before the word "coating".

Claims 31 and 32 are being amended to convert kPA measurements to psi.

Claim 33 is being amended to add the phrase "of the blasting beads" after the word "diameter" and replace the word "material" with the word "compound".

Claim 34 is being amended to add the word "titanium" before the last instance of the word "coating".

Claim 36 is being cancelled as it is redundant to matter already recited in claim 35.

Claims 39-46 are supported at least by the Specification at page 15, lines 6-21 as well as previously presented claims 20, 24, and 35.

The above claim amendments are being provided to correct obvious errors or to improve the claim language cosmetically and therefore does not affect the scope of the claims. Thus, the scope of the doctrine of equivalents applied to these claims should not be limited under the rules of *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 535 U.S. 722, 2002 Lexis 3818 (May 28, 2002).

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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